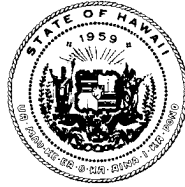


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STATE OF HAWAII
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Statement of
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND HOUSING

April 24, 2009 9:05 a.m.
Room 329, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of

HCR94, HD1
**REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL AUDIT OF
THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY'S MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS**

The Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) opposes HCR94, HD1 for the reasons indicated in previous testimony on this measure and on SCR31.

HPHA is addressing many of the issues raised by public housing residents and the Legislature. Contracts have been awarded and work is underway to repair housing projects; new goals and objectives have been set and progress is being made.

HPHA is already audited heavily by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and is overseen by a Board of Directors. We are currently involved in a lawsuit over Kuhio Park Terrace (KPT) which is commanding a large amount of administrative time, and adding a legislative audit at this time would compromise our ability to deal fully with existing workload.

If the Legislature feels an audit is absolutely necessary, then we request that it be delayed one year in order to allow HPHA to devote the time necessary to participate in an audit.

TO: The Honorable Senator Norman Sakamoto, (CHAIR)
The Honorable Senator Michelle Kidani, (VICE CHAIR)
and Members of the Education and Housing Committee

DATE: Friday, April 24, 2009
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RE: HCR-94 HD1 REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A MANAGEMENT
AND FINANCIAL AUDIT OF THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING
AUTHORITY'S MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

POSITION: STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Fetu Kolio, and I am a community resident of Kalihi-Palama and a resident of Hawaii Public Housing, at MAYOR WRIGHT HOUSING COMPLEX. I also serve as a member of the Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood Board No.#15 and a strong community participant of the Weed & Seed program in my community. I am testifying today in STRONG SUPPORT of HCR94,HD1.

HCR94,HD1 will tremendously help to identify the progress and the improvements of Security Measures on Safety Issues and how TAX-DOLLARS that are being spent on funding Security Guards. Also compliance to issues of the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1964, accessibility for residents who have mobility problems.

As you may know, Hawaii Public Housing has been plagued with ongoing issues on renovation of vacant units in Public Housing and serious safety concerns for years. Furthermore, under the Rental Lease Agreement maintaing Project in a decent, safe, and sanitary condition, and by all laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances of governmental authorities governing maintenance, construction, use or appearance of the dwelling unit and the premises of which it is in part, and that noncompliance would effect and endangering the health or safety of tenants.

The Hawaii Public Housing has an obligation and duty to provide and maintained facilities and to ensure the safety and well-being for the non-problem tenants of public housing.

Thank you for hearing HCR94,HD1 and my testimony, please pass this resolution.

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